

REMARKS

Claims 12-15, 19-22, 26-29, and 31 are pending. Claims 1-11, 16-18, 23-25, 30, and 32 have been cancelled, without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. No new matter has been added. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action dated March 8, 2005, claims 12-15, 19-22, 26-29, and 31 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. (*Office Action, page 4*).

Applicants have rewritten claims 12-15, 19-22, 26-29, and 31 to overcome the objections, and slightly amended the claims for reasons of form. Applicants respectfully submit that all remaining claims are now in good order for allowance.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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